



Gillespie Field Development Council



A Joint Powers Agreement Between the City of El Cajon and County of San Diego
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**DRAFT – SUBJECT TO GFDC
APPROVAL OCTOBER 19, 2004**

MINUTES OF September 21, 2004

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Rick Fordem	Peter Drinkwater
Cliff Leary	Willie Vasquez
John Gibson	Lee Ann Lardy
Jerry Hollingsworth	Sunny Barrett
Robert Parker	Peggy Carter
	Jeremy Keating
	Reggie Angquico

*For others present, sign-in sheet is available in the Administration Building office.

1. ROLL CALL

Chairman Rick Fordem called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. All Council members were present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Parker made a motion that the minutes of August 17, 2004 be approved contingent on the following changes. Mr. Leary seconded the

motion, which passed unanimously. The wording on page 5 should read: Ms De Gruchy stated that they were pleased with the changes. However, San Diego Aircraft is still negatively affected by the changes even though the revised plan is a great improvement.

Mr. Fordem wanted the wording on page 5 eliminated and replaced with: Mr. Fordem inquired if the FAA Circulars are being adhered to.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Deferred by Mr. Fordem.

4. AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Deferred by Mr. Drinkwater

5. ACTING AIRPORT MANAGER'S UPDATE

Mr. Vasquez related that a Safety Action Committee was formed by Mr. Drinkwater to evaluate Silver State's helicopter operations in accordance with FAA Advisory Circulars. In conclusion, the Committee found Silver State is conducting operations safely. Please see attachment: SAFETY ACTION COMMITTEE – STUDY RESULTS – SILVER STATE HELICOPTER OPERATIONS.

Ms. Trombi asked where the fixed wing aircraft would move that were displaced by the helicopters rotor wash.

Mr. Breise replied that seven planes are affected by the down wash; one option is to move twenty feet.

Mr. Fordem inquired if the operation at Silver State will affect the ALP.

Mr. Breise replied that no change is required because his facility is multi use and not an exclusive use only. Helicopters are using his area for parking which is an allowed use.

Mr. Gibson wanted to know whether the eleven acres west of Marshall Avenue could be developed for helicopters.

Ms. Lardy replied that several years ago Mr. Tu from Civic Helicopters advised he was not interested in using the Marshall Avenue parcel for helicopter operations. The area has severe safety constraints for helicopter operations.

Mr. Fordem suggested an open meeting with helicopter pilots to discuss helicopter operations.

Mr. Vasquez stated that he is in contact with an FAA representative and is planning to hold an Airport User's meeting at Gillespie Airport to discuss helicopter operations at all leasehold areas.

Mr. Joe Cowart was concerned about fixed wing aircraft safety in regards to the helicopter flight pattern.

Mr. Rick Reyes explained that helicopters are highly maneuverable with excellent visibility and will always give way to fixed wing aircraft. He does not anticipate any problems.

6. REAL PROPERTY UPDATE

Deferred by Ms. Lardy.

7. HANGAR DEVELOPMENT

Cory Hazelwood made a PowerPoint presentation on the construction project by Hazelwood Properties that will commence on October 1, 2004. The project consists of two buildings with 36,000 square feet that will be able to house 50 single engine aircrafts.

8. FY 2003/04 ACTUALS – REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REVIEW

Ms. Barrett provided Airport Enterprise Fund year-end figures for FY 03/04 (attached).

Mr. Gibson requested that future year-end reports include an asterisk at the bottom that documents the amount the Redevelopment Agency owes the AEF.

9. OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE GILLESPIE FIELD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ON MATTERS NOT PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED.

Ms. Trombi requested that the wording on page 4 of the August minutes should read: Ms. Trombi asked about the status of the helicopters and what the responsibility was of the Council. The corrections were moved by J. Gibson and second by B. Parker.

John Sitar indicated he had submitted a number of questions regarding the Airport Enterprise Fund. Ms. Barrett provided a detailed response to Mr. Sitar's questions.

Mr. Breise enumerated the following benefits of having a helicopter operation at Gillespie Field: increased employment, fuel flowage, pilot supply business, food business, storage revenue and possible fixed wing training.

10. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gibson inquired about developing the land above Cuyamaca West at the base of Fletcher Hills. He suggested an Environmental Impact Report be done when the Gillespie Master Plan is updated.

Mr. Drinkwater replied that a study is necessary since part of the parcel is a landfill. He agreed with Mr. Gibson that this may be made part of the Master Plan update which requires a full Environmental Impact Report.

Ms. Trombi stated that she attended the Santee City Council meeting representing the Pilot's Association and made known to the City Council her objection with the development of housing 2000 feet from the runway.

11. NEXT MEETING

Mr. Fordem adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Gillespie Field Development Council will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, October 19, 2004 in City Council Chambers, 200 E. Main Street, El Cajon.

By _____
Reggie Angquico Office Support Specialist